

**Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearings
Tuesday, May 31, 2011, 8:00 a.m.**

Budget

Budget Hearings with Departments and outside agencies

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse in Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for County departments and outside agencies for Fiscal Year 2011/12.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chairman Lynn M. Lail, Commissioners Dan Hunsucker, Randy Isenhower and Barbara G. Beatty.

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Lee Worsley and Budget Manager Jennifer Mace.

1. Chair Barnes called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Budget Hearings:

The following departments presented their proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2011/12:

Technology/Communications Center

Catawba County Schools

Newton-Conover Schools

Action: In order to complete roofing at Conover School prior to the opening of the new school year, Newton-Conover City Schools requested a letter of intent for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget. Newton-Conover City Schools has requested as a funding priority for Fiscal Year 2011/12 \$325,000 for roofing at Conover School, which is in poor shape and experiencing leaks. This item has been recommended for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget. To allow the selected roofing contractor time to finish work prior to the opening of school, Newton-Conover City Schools requested a letter of intent for funds from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Dan Hunsucker made a motion to give priority to the Fiscal Year 2011/12 Schools' Capital Outlay budget to fund \$325,000 for roofing at Conover School, and to send a letter of intent for this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Hickory City Schools

Action: In order to renovate the College Park building for the Hickory Career and Arts Magnet (HCAM) High School, Hickory Public Schools requested a letter of intent for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget. Hickory Public Schools has requested as a funding priority for Fiscal Year 2011/12 \$1.5 million to renovate the College Park building to support program needs for the Criminal Justice, Drama, Culinary, Graphic Design and Photography, and Administration of the new Hickory Career and Arts Magnet High School. This item has been recommended for funding in the Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget. To retain the contractor to complete the renovation of the College Park building during the summer months, Hickory Public Schools requested a letter of intent for funds from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Randy Isenhower made a motion to give priority to the Fiscal Year 2011/12 Schools' Construction budget to fund \$1.5 million for the renovation of the College Park building for the Hickory Career and Arts Magnet High School, and to send a letter of intent for this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Catawba Valley Community College

Mental Health Partners

Utilities and Engineering

Sheriff

Emergency Services

Forestry
Soil and Water
Tax Administration
Board of Elections
Register of Deeds
Finance
Lunch Break

Subcommittee Meetings were held at 12:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning
Catawba Valley Medical Center
Public Health
Social Services
Cooperative Extension
Library
Human Resources
County Manager
Other Agencies
 United Arts Council
 Salt Block
 Historical Association
 Patrick Beaver Memorial Library
 Newton-Conover Auditorium Authority
 Economic Development Corporation
 Convention and Visitors Bureau
 Repay
 Lake Norman Marine Commission
 Conflict Resolution Center

4. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

J. Thomas Lundy
County Manager/Deputy Clerk